

The Converse II Experience

Through Converse II, students ages 24 and older may enter or return to college to complete undergraduate degrees, earn second undergraduate degrees, or enrich themselves personally or professionally. Converse II students are fully integrated and receive the same high-quality education as our traditional undergraduate students. Outstanding features of the program are a reduced tuition rate, simplified application procedure, no SAT or entrance test scores required, career counseling, and individualized academic advisement. The Converse II experience is an integral part of Converse College—the teaching faculty and academic requirements for the degree are the same for both traditional-aged and Converse II students.

Any student who is a high school graduate or has obtained a GED or HSED and who is at least 24 years old, or has their 24th birthday within the semester for which admission is requested, is eligible to apply. Steps in the application process include submitting an application and fee, submitting official high school and all official college transcripts, and may include having a personal interview with the Director of Converse II.

Each admitted applicant is assigned one of three classifications:

1. Degree-Seeking candidate (including Second-degree seeking candidate)
2. Non-degree Seeking candidate
3. Provisional candidate (degree candidate)

Degree candidates may be full-time or part-time and may enroll in any major course of study, subject to departmental criteria. There are no time limits on graduation, but the student must maintain the academic standards set forth in the “Academic Regulations” section of the Student Handbook and in this catalog. Non-degree seeking candidates may take courses for credit without completing the full admission process. Please see above for admission requirements pertaining to freshman and transfer students. Provisional students are those applicants whose high school record is below that of students who are usually accepted, and those who have college work with a GPA below 2.5. Students being considered for provisional status must show maturity and motivation that would indicate the potential for success at Converse. Once accepted into Converse II, students may, with departmental approval, enroll in any of the courses and degree programs available at the College. When Converse II students complete at least 60 semester hours of work at Converse, they may graduate “with honors” when grade point ratios are 3.5 or above. Academic regulations are the same for Converse II students as for other students, **and it is the student’s responsibility to know and fulfill curriculum requirements.**

Converse II students are eligible to apply for federal and state grants as well as a variety of loan programs. Certain restrictions apply to students receiving financial assistance such as a minimum number of credit hours enrolled per semester and classification as a full degree candidate. For fees and financial assistance see “Fees and Financial Assistance” section in the Undergraduate Catalog.

Readmission of Former Converse II Students

Please see above regarding policy for the readmission and re-enrolling of students.